

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. To this end, petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Communication of December 8, 2009.

Amendments to Claims

Claims 1-42 are pending in the application. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-19 will be cancelled, claim 20 will be amended, and new claims 29-47 will be added.

Response to Election/Restriction Requirement

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner subjected this application to an Election/Restriction Requirement, asserting that this application includes claims directed to a first species, Group 1, corresponding to Figures 1 to 8 and claims directed to a second species, Group 2, corresponding to Figure 9, and requiring Applicant to elect a single species for further examination in this application.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner contended that the claims corresponding to the species of Group 1 are Claims 1-12 and 20-26, that the claims corresponding to the species of Group 2 are claims 13-19, 26 and 27, and that there is no generic claim pending in the application. Applicant believes that the Examiner inadvertently identified claim 26 with the species of Group 2, that he intended to actually identify claim 28 with Group 2.

In response to the election/restriction requirement in the outstanding Office Action, Applicant hereby elects the species of Group 1, *i.e.*, Figures 1-8 for further examination in this application. Applicant contends that originally filed claims 20-26 and newly filed claims 29-40 correspond to the elected species. Applicants also contends that amended, and now independent

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claim 20 is generic.

If any issues remain with regard to the Election/Requirement, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The extension fee of \$65.00 is being submitted with this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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